



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – JULY 23, 2023

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

XVI Niedziela zwykła

July 23, 2023

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 82.

First reading: Wisdom 12:13,16-19

Psalm: Ps 86:5-6,9-10,15-16.

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Epistle: Romans 8:26-27

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43

Intention: 10am and Noon for all parishioners.

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki

Lector: 10am, Joe Kaczynski.

- Mattins. Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite, pg. 63).
- Coffee Hour Reception
- Holy Mass at Noon (Traditional Rite, Pew Missal pg. 15).

THIS WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. Lord, You are kind and forgiving, most loving to all who call on You.

R. Lord, hear my prayer; listen to my cry for help.

V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

XVII Niedziela zwykła

July 30, 2023

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 82.

First reading: 1 Kings 3:5,7-12

Psalm: Ps. 119:57,72,76-77,127-130.

R. Lord, I love your commands.

Epistle: Romans 8:28-30

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

Intention: 10am and Noon for all parishioners.

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki

Lector: 10am, Lauren DeBlois.

- Mattins. Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite, pg. 63).
- Coffee Hour Reception
- Holy Mass at Noon (Traditional Rite, Pew Missal pg. 15).

NEXT WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. For the Lord gives wisdom, from His mouth come knowledge and understanding; He has counsel in store for the upright, He is the shield of those who walk honestly.

R. Therefore, I prayed, and prudence was given me; I pleaded, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.

V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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Upcoming...

- **July 23: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon.**
- **July 24: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **July 25: Feast – St. James the Greater, Apostle. Holy Mass at Noon and Chaplet to the Infant of Prague.**
- **July 26: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **July 27: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **July 28: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **July 30: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon.**
- **July 31: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **August 1: Holy Mass at Noon and Chaplet to the Infant of Prague.**
- **August 2: No Holy Mass.**
- **August 3: Feast – Finding of the Body of St. Stephen. No Holy Mass.**
- **August 4: No Holy Mass.**
- **August 6: Solemnity – Transfiguration of our Lord. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon.**
- **August 7: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **August 8: Holy Mass at Noon and Chaplet to the Infant of Prague.**
- **August 9: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **August 10: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **August 11: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **August 12: Women's Empowerment Group at 10am.**

We invite all who believe in the true presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist to partake. It is our practice to distribute the Holy Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Christ, by placing the elements on the tongue, never in the hand.

Sick Calls and Hospital Visits – If someone is in need, please let Pastor Jim know so he might visit, pray with, and anoint them. Call Pastor Jim at 518-522-0944.

Listen, Obey, Witness

And you taught your people, by these deeds, that those who are just must be kind; and you gave your children good ground for hope that you would permit repentance for their sins.

Thank you for joining today as we continue our Ordinary Time journey focused on listening to, obeying, and witnessing to Jesus.

We are in God's field, once again with Jesus, as He teaches through another farming parable – this time the farmer and the enemy.

The farmer and his workers sow good, top-quality seed. They go to sleep, tired after a long day of work. The enemy comes and sows in weeds in an attempt at destroying the crop.

Last week we spoke about preparing ourselves to be the good soil, ready to receive Jesus. There are things we need to fix in our personal garden of life. There are thorns to be removed and rocks and stones to be taken away. Preparing ourselves takes focus, dedication, humility, and hard work. We are

required to place Jesus above all in our daily work on ourselves.

If we do this, we are prepared to truly receive God's good seed and become His Kingdom children. Jesus tells us: *"He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil."*

Jesus is reiterating the fact that in the world there are those willing to be good ground for His Gospel. The willing, those who have given their lives to Christ, receive Him readily and with joy. Guess what, that's everyone here and those viewing from afar. We are people who want to live the Kingdom life, to be changed inwardly and outwardly.

He also tells us that there are those unwilling. They are those that will pursue anything and everything, or even those in the body of Christ who will not soften their hearts. The children of the evil one prefer to hate

others, to fill their lives with whatever will block out the Holy Spirit's constant knocking at their door.

But, Wisdom advises us of God's leniency, clemency, and most particularly patience in permitting repentance. If we are falling short in the Kingdom life, let us repent and get back to work.

There are two key phrases in all this I would ask we all reflect on.

...those who are just must be kind and While everyone was asleep his enemy came

God requires us to be kind – to reflect Him most particularly in our leniency, clemency, and patience. That is what Kingdom people are – a reflection of Jesus, the likeness and light of God in the world.

Similarly, we must be careful in not falling asleep. Of course, this does not mean physical sleep, but rather spiritual sleep and drowsiness. The state where we just let it all go and roll off the side of the Kingdom train. We are called to be the living and kind crop that produces good fruit in the kingdom.

And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

Galatians 6:9

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Psalm 126:6
MONDAY: James 5:7
TUESDAY: Jeremiah 17:8
WEDNESDAY: Galatians 6:7
THURSDAY: 1 Corinthians 3:7
FRIDAY: Hosea 10:12
SATURDAY: Luke 10:2

Pray the week:

Lord Jesus, Thou makest me a child of the Kingdom by Thy word planted in me. Grant that I may be the good fruit in Thy abundant harvest. Amen.

Today's Music

- Entrance: B1, Hymn Of Faith, v 1 and 2.
- Sacrament of the Word: B145, Come Holy Spirit.
- Offertory: R564, Let Us Break Bread Together.
- Communion: I Am The Bread Of Life (handout).
- Communion Reflection: R240, Fairest Lord Jesus.
- Recessional: R337, Praise To The Lord, The Almighty.

+++ Reminders & Notes +++

- **Keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.**
- **Food Bank Thank You:** To all who volunteered to serve those most in need.
- **PICNIC Time!** Our annual parish and community picnic on the parish lawn under the tent on Sunday, August 20th. There will be only one Holy Mass that day at 10am. The parish provides hotdogs, hamburgers, and soda/water. We encourage you to bring a dish to share. Please invite friends and family.
- **Month of the Precious Blood:** One devotion connected to the Passion of our Lord is to honor His Precious Blood. It is a recognition of Jesus' sacrifice and how He spilled his blood for us. We are called to also recollect the fact that His Precious Blood is made present through the gift of the Holy Eucharist and is something we, as Polish National Catholics, consume at Holy Mass, along with the body of Christ, by intinction under the appearance of bread and wine. In the 19th century a universal feast honoring the Precious Blood was established for each July. For this reason, the entire month of July is traditionally dedicated to the Precious Blood, and Catholics are encouraged to meditate on the profound sacrifice of Jesus and the pouring out of His blood for humanity.
- **Christmas Vigil Raffle:** Now is the time to get in and get your tickets. Please see Joe Kaczynski.
- **On Sunday (the Sabbath):** PNCC Catechism #229 How should we celebrate Sundays and Holy Days? We should celebrate Sundays and Holy Days by: (1) Dedicating them to God; (2) Attending Mass; (3) Listening to the Word of God; (4) Prayer and receiving Holy Communion; (5) Special acts of charity. #231 When do we sin against the Third Commandment? We sin by not observing the Lord's Day.
- **Candlesticks for Refinishing:** If you can help, let Fr. Jim know

Praying for:

Jasmine Russo, Laura Covari, Stan Podkulski, Mariea Chase, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Elizabeth Węgliński, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Virginia Lamb, Curtis Sczepakowski, Joshua Moraski, Sue & Roger White, Helen Pasiak, Jessie Feathers-Ostrowski, Joanne Bauer, Madison Sheridan, Joe Barratiere, Tom Abbot, Derek Westcott, Karen Kisch, Gregory Henderson, Vince Cacamo, Theresa Ordon, Robert Baia, Michelle Zawistowski, Allyson Keyser, Amanda Carr, Susan Jones, Garry Packer, Madison Dunlap, Gary & Sandra Tatlock, Shirley Maliszewski, Fred Hendricks, Nicholas Emanuele, Theresa, Carla, Linda, Carolyn, Francine, Eileen, Joyce Colson, Karen Weyant, Charles Hobbib, Helen Spencer, Steve and Claudia Miller, Barbara Rogers, Michael Clough, Frances Gary, Dan Crawley, Bob Chelkowski, Dave Taylor, Lyle, Ralph Zell, Phil Wielewinski, and all in need of God's healing.

- All those who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States esp. Michael Angehr, Mark Collins, Patric Jones, Timothy Olsen, Charlie Prothero, Fr. Joseph Kolek, Fr. Andrew Bilinski, Fr. Stan Jasiurkowski, Fr. Andrew Tenus.
- All those in Public Service: Civil Servants, Police Officers, and Fire Fighters.
- All Active and Retired Clergy of the Holy Polish National Catholic Church.
- All Students and Teachers at Mont Pleasant Middle School
- The residents and staff of City Mission of Schenectady
- All who have asked for our prayers for any need or intention.

We continue in prayer and intercession for one of the parishes or ministries in the Polish National Catholic Church/Union of Scranton. This week we remember and pray for the clergy and faithful of Parafia pw. Matki Bożej Różańcowej, Duszniki Zdrój, Poland.

Bless them, O Lord! Pobłogosław im, O Boże!

Of note...

Coffee Hour: Thank you to all who support our ministry of hospitality. Please sign up to support a week.

Parish Organizations: Did you know that our Parish has many organizations that need you? See Fr. Jim.

--- *And He said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation."* ---